## Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the authority of M.G.L. c. 118E and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) will hold a remote public hearing on Tuesday, January 31, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. relative to the adoption of:

## 101 CMR 362.00: Rates for Community Support Program Services

The proposed regulation, 101 CMR 362.00, establishes the payment rates used by governmental units to eligible providers of community support program (CSP) services.

The proposed regulation will: (1) allow eligible providers to bill governmental units for the CSP services codes established in 101 CMR 362.00; and (2) establish rates for four models of CSP: CSP, CSP for Homeless Individuals (CSP-HI), CSP for Individuals with Justice Involvement (CSP-JI), and CSP Tenancy Preservation Program (CSP-TPP). The proposed rates were developed using a cost modeling methodology, which constructed rates using provider cost and utilization data, supplemented with applicable market data and other relevant data.

EOHHS is proposing this new regulation to ensure that payment rates are consistent with efficiency, economy, and quality of care, to ensure that payments are reasonable and adequate to meet the costs that must be incurred by efficiently and economically operated, and to satisfy the requirements of M.G.L. 118E, sections 13C and 13D. It is estimated that annual aggregate MassHealth expenditure will increase by approximately \$8.87 million for community support program services. There is no fiscal impact on cities and towns.

The proposed regulation contains rates effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2023.

To register to testify at the hearing and to get instructions on how to join the hearing online, go to <a href="https://www.mass.gov/service-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings">www.mass.gov/service-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings</a>. To join the hearing by phone, call (646) 558-8656 and enter meeting ID 935 397 8200# when prompted.

You may also submit written testimony instead of, or in addition to, live testimony. To submit written testimony, please email your testimony to <a href="mailto:ehs-regulations@mass.gov">ehs-regulations@mass.gov</a> as an attached Word or PDF document or as text within the body of the email with the name of the regulation in the subject line. All written testimony must include the sender's full name, mailing address, and organization or affiliation, if any. Individuals who are unable to submit testimony by email should mail written testimony to EOHHS, c/o D. Briggs, 100 Hancock Street, 6th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171. Written testimony will

be accepted through 5:00 p.m. on January 31, 2023. EOHHS specifically invites comments as to how the amendments may affect beneficiary access to care.

To review the current draft of the proposed actions, go to <a href="www.mass.gov/service-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings">www.mass.gov/service-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings</a> or request a copy in writing from MassHealth Publications, 100 Hancock Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Quincy, MA 02171.

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EOHHS may adopt a revised version of the proposed actions taking into account relevant comments and any other practical alternatives that come to its attention.

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